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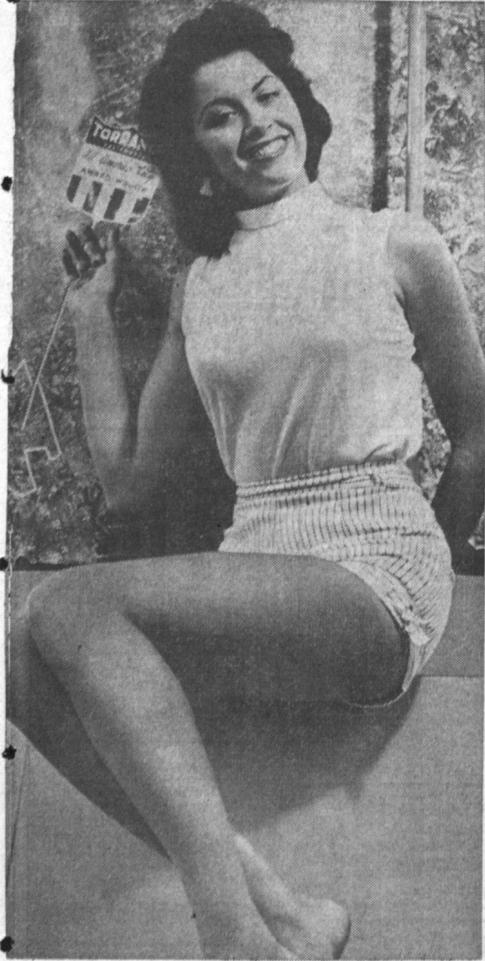
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TORRANCE EXHIBIT

Sharon "Miss Torrance" Starns, shown above at the Torrance Exhibit at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona. The Torrance Exhibit placed third in county competition.

Torrance Exhibit Takes Third Place at the Fair

Two full bus loads of Torrance residents plus hundreds of packed automobiles converged on the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds Tuesday in observance of "Torrance Day" at the World's largest county fair, Chamber of Commerce officials announced.

Commission studies plan for freeway

May allocate funds for new link of Harbor artery

Possibility exists that the state highway commission meeting in Sacramento this week may include funds for the next link in Harbor freeway from 124th street to 190th street, in next year's budget, but final action may be deferred until next month, according to Edward T. Telford, assistant state highway engineer in charge of District VII.

Commission has heard representatives from the Southside and bay district who asked that funds be made available for the next link on Harbor freeway, and push the project closer to completion.

Telford said that the rights-of-way and plans have been completed for the link, and if the money is allocated in the budget, contract could be let shortly afterward, but funds must be available before the contract can be approved.

Cost of the new link of Harbor freeway will be approximately \$9 million according to estimates.

Work now is underway on the section of Harbor freeway between Eighty-eighth place and 24th street by the Guy F. Atkinson Construction company. Contract calls for the work to be completed by October 1, 1958, but the contractor predicts the work will be completed by July 1, 1958.

No Burdensome License Fees On Lomita Trailers

Neither Lomita trailer park owners nor their tenants will be penalized in any way when the community becomes an incorporated city. Rumors that prohibitive license fees would be imposed on trailer parks and that monthly rental charges would have to be raised as a result, are completely unfounded and have no basis in fact. The purpose of incorporation is to protect, NOT penalize, all segments of local business.

Statement By Chandler
This was the essence of a joint statement issued this week by Linden H. Chandler, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Civic Committee FOR "Home Rule", and 12 of the 13 candidates running for places

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Local Man Injured In Sacramento

A local man was reported in critical condition in Sutter Hospital, Sacramento, following a mishap on an oil well, 11 days ago.

John Stoddard, Sales Engineer for the National Supply Company, according to company officials, was putting a plunger lift well into production when the accident occurred near Willows, California. Witnesses at the scene said Stoddard was hit in the head by the plunger coming from the well.

Brain surgery was performed but the victim has not regained consciousness.

Stoddard is the husband of Mrs. Virginia Stoddard, prominent localite who only last week won an award from the City of Hope hospital for her work in raising \$4,000 during the June contribution campaign. Mrs. Stoddard also has figured prominently in Volunteers for Children, a program designed to aid hospitalized children.

Most of Tax Dollar Goes For Salaries

Torrance tax payers will pay \$3,447.2 per \$100 of assessed valuation, it was revealed by Superintendent J. H. Hull in a report to the Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce this week.

Hull pointed out that almost 57c of this figure is for El Camino Junior college, although it actually is not located in Torrance. Cost per student is \$333.56 whereas the cost for ADA (average daily attendance) for the State is approximately \$360. Interesting to tax payers is the fact that 84.57 per cent of school cost is for salaries with only 10.43 per cent listed as costs other than salaries. It was pointed out that this is a very important figure as it proves that most of the tax dollar is being spent where it is needed most—instruction of children.

School ADA has increased from 1955 in 1947, 4845 in 1950 to 21,600 today. The present enrollment is 2400 higher than last year's figure.

Chamber President A. E. Thompson expressed appreciation from the Chamber for the tremendous job being accomplished by Hull and his staff in achieving for our school system the ranking as one of California's finest school systems.

COUNCIL NIXES SKIATRON

The City Council of Torrance temporarily put an end to closed circuit television coming into Torrance.

Skiatron, the closed circuit television system, had applied to the council for a franchise to operate in the Torrance area. At Tuesday night's session, the council ordered the application filed, which killed all immediate hopes of Skiatron operating in Torrance.

For the Dogs

Seems a Mrs. Pellichotti tied her dog to a car parking meter. About to get a ticket, she ran to the meter and quickly inserted a penny so that the dog might park until she finished her meal.

Citizens Committee, Youth Band Fund Grows

Mrs. Clara Conners, chairman of the Citizens Committee, organized for the purpose of raising funds to send the Torrance Area Youth band to Chicago in December to perform for the Mid-West National Band Clinic, announced this week that a total of \$960.00 has been collected during the first week of operations.

The Citizens Committee hopes to raise at least half of the \$25,000 needed to send the 82 musicians plus chaperones and staff members. The students and band parents feel that they can raise the other half. The group plans to go by plane, leaving December 15th and returning December 22. The sum of \$250.00 is needed to sponsor one band student. Fifty such "sponsors" are being sought by the Citizens Group from Clubs and Organizations, Industries, and private individuals.

Alter Realty and Insurance was the first to volunteer to



AWAITS MEDICAL AID

Van Wood, 20, Packard Bell Television Service Trainee holds injured arm awaiting medical aid. Wood, was injured in an auto collision on El Camino and Lincoln yesterday. The other car can be seen in the background.

Airport "Fuel" Issue Fails to Materialize At Council Meeting

The anticipated verbal "Locking of Horns" between Councilman Willys Blount and Mayor Pro Tem Robert Jahn failed to materialize at the last session of the City Council.

Blount, who hurled charges of "conflicting interests among members of the official family," made no statements concerning the airport issue from the Council floor.

It was Mayor Pro Tem Jahn who demanded that Blount refrain from making the charge unless he was able to prove it. Speculation in some circles indicated that Blount would attempt to prove his case at the appropriate time.

The issue arose during the Council meeting of September 10th when the officials were discussing the airport fuel dispensing problem. It is believed that the problem will arise again when the Council returns from the League of California Cities Conference in San Francisco on October 1.

Oil Well Thefts Reported

Police said last night a Torrance oil company reported the theft of drilling and oil field equipment valued at more than \$2,000.

The North Star Mining Co. and Keystone Consolidated Oil Company officials informed the Torrance police that drill pipe, tubing, drill bits, and miscellaneous equipment was taken by thieves.

The equipment was taken from an oil field site north of Emerald St. and east of Victor St. in West Torrance. The total value was estimated at \$2615, according to E. C. Deebel, who filed the report.

Auction Nets \$701

The Police Department announced that \$701 was collected at the auction held last Saturday for unclaimed and recovered merchandise.

Police Chief Percy Bennett said that 61 unclaimed bicycles were sold during the two-hour auction. Prices varied from a low bid of \$5.29 to \$30.16.

Bennett said that bidders began arriving at the auction hours before the set time. Parents of children hoping to own one of the unclaimed bicycles made the bids. Auctioneer was Willard H. Haslam, recently retired Police Chief of Torrance.

ONE MAN INJURED IN CRASH

One man was injured and another slightly shaken, when a television delivery truck collided with a Ford sedan on El Camino and Lincoln yesterday.

Injured slightly was Van Wood, 20, a Packard-Bell Television Service trainee. Wood suffered cuts about the arm and a bruised leg. Bill Ladd, driver of the truck in which Wood was riding, was shaken in the collision but uninjured.

The driver of the car, John Popovich, 27, of 421 Camino de Campo, Hollywood Riviera, was not injured.

Council Briefed on Duties

All 13 candidates for places on the City Council of the proposed new City of Lomita have been invited to be the guests of the Chamber of Commerce Civic Committee FOR Incorporation at a dinner meeting next Tuesday evening.

Duties Explained
The duties and responsibilities of a city councilman will be explained to the candidates and all of them who voluntarily give their endorsement of the current campaign for "home rule" will be sworn in formally as members of the Executive Committee of the Incorporation proponents.

No Endorsements
In announcing the meeting, Linden H. Chandler, Chairman of the community-wide "committee of 1,000 for incorporation", emphasized that his group will not endorse any single candidate or group of candidates, but will remain neutral in the councilmanic race.

"We are interested only in good government and feel confident that the voters, themselves, are fully capable of selecting the five councilmen who will guide the new city through its formative stages," Chandler declared.

Declaration of Candidacy
The Rev. F. H. Peters, president of the Harbor City-Lomita Ministerial Association and pastor of the Lomita Community Church, will administer the "Declaration of Candidacy" to all candidates.

Apple in Throat Prompts Rescue By Firemen

Torrance Firemen went to the rescue of a woman who had a part of an apple stuck in her throat.

Mrs. Charlotte E. Lewis, 50, of 24445 Ward Street was given water to clear the obstruction. She was treated for shock.

ELECTION AID FROM COUNTY SAVES MONEY

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Torrance City Council, the Board of Supervisors this week instructed the County Registrar of Voters to provide requested services to the City of Torrance for the special municipal election to be held on October 29, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn reports.

The Registrar of Voters office has been instructed to print the names and addresses of all persons qualified to vote in the special election on stickers or envelopes to be provided by Torrance.

City to Send Samples
It is anticipated that the prepared mailing list will be used by Torrance to send sample ballots and polling place information to the voters, Supervisor Hahn said.

Estimated cost of the service to Torrance is \$123.50.

City Saves Money
Supervisor Hahn, who is chairman of the Board of Supervisors' Committee on the Registrar of Voters office, pointed out it has become possible for the County to provide election service at cost to Cities through the use of special printing and mailing machine and systems. Use of this equipment saves the taxpayers of the County approximately \$500,000 each major election in addition to substantial savings which school districts and cities are able to secure.

Auto Goes On Giveaway Block Friday

A 1957 automobile will be given away during the Coupon Days Celebration at the 15 million dollar South Bay Center, 174th and Hawthorne Blvd., Redondo Beach, Friday night at 9:30 p.m., according to Lynne Frantz—Promotion Manager.

The car, a 1957 Ford 2 door sedan, is the grand prize carry-over from the Centers Grand Opening held a month ago. The 150,000 who have already received tickets will be eligible along with anyone who receives a ticket this weekend. Tickets are available in each of the 37 South Bay Center stores. The winner will be given the car without having to pay either tax or license fees.

Council Offers Plan

Although the city of Torrance previously has indicated that the County may use the old City Hall as a court house rent free until the new Court is built in the new civic center, it appears the County has other plans.

The County has said that the cost of remodeling and staffing the old city hall without municipal help would be financially prohibitive.

In a letter to City Manager George Stevens, Arthur J. Will, Chief Administrative Officer of the county said it would cost \$15,000 to operate the old City Hall for a year, including remodeling costs. He pointed out that the county can only spend \$8,000. He said also that Torrance should consider the use of a Redondo Beach building which it can rent for \$3,300 including remodeling costs.

The problem came to light following the installation of Donald Armstrong as the third judge of the South Bay Municipal Judicial District, last Monday.

City Council Offer
The City Council meanwhile offered the county two alternatives for establishing a court: (1) The Council Chambers in the new City Hall for the court, (2) A financial contribution toward the refurbishing of the former City Hall for court purposes.

Political Move
As for the Redondo Beach building, Councilman Willys Blount said he could not understand how it was possible to get a Redondo Beach building converted for \$1,500 when the County maintains it would take \$12,000 to use quarters made for court purposes. He added, "I think this is a political move to keep the courts in Redondo Beach as long as possible."

City officials say they believe that City Hall Council Chambers could be ready within a month and the former City Hall within a year.

Fire Laddies, Policemen Get Thanks

The Police and Fire Department of Torrance were given hearty thanks from the Union Carbide Chemical Company last night.

In a letter to the Torrance City Council, the Carbide Chemical Company thanked the police and the firemen for their prompt attention to a fire which broke out at the plant.

Superintendent C. N. Rucker said that, "although the incident was of a minor nature, it was comforting to know that the assistance of the departments was so quickly available."



SMILE OF JOY

\$100 can put the smile on any person's lips. Moreso if it is received outright with no strings attached. Shown above is Mrs. Louise Griego of 2414 Del Amo St., mother of five children, who won the \$100 in the first of a series of Monday night drawings by Delos Nadeau representing the downtown merchants. Customers to the downtown stores are given tickets, one half of which is deposited for the drawings. Next Monday night the drawing is slated to be held near McCown's Drug Company on El Prado.